

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Several questions of Senator Brashear, if he would respond please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR Yes, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Brashear, this program is currently being ran by who, the Department of Health or who is conducting the study?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It is the Department of Health, is it not? Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. And if this \$60,000 isn't appropriated, they stop the program and nothing more happens on it?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And we're not able to complete the study in process.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. So there is no...there is no way, one of the speakers mentioned the Department of Health taking money from some other part of their budget and finishing it, you are not aware of any potential of that?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Chairman Wehrbein indicated that he had hoped that might be the case, but we are reliably informed that that is not the case. The funds are not otherwise available and, therefore, it is this appropriation or we fail to complete the study, which is partially done.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I know it is too early to predict this, but...I don't know quite how to phrase this delicately, but it is my understanding that there is a great potential that the reorganization of the Department of Health for efficiency sake could result in \$300,000 more salaries and a deficit appropriation next calendar year, the next half of the biennium. It would seem that programs of this minuscule amount ought to be able to be found somewhere else. With that, Madam President,